

APPENDIX

Applicants submit the following requested changes to the specification with strikethrough and underlining for the Examiner's convenience as required by rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(1)(iii). This Appendix is not intended to be entered into the application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

~~This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/133,310 filed August 12, 1998, entitled "EXPANDABLE SEAL FOR USE WITH MEDICAL DEVICE AND SYSTEM", which is incorporated herein by reference. This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/738,590, filed December 15, 2000, and is a Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Application No. 09/970,195, filed October 2, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/579,765, filed May 26, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. Application No. 09/133,310, filed on August 12, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,240,321, the specifications of all of which are incorporated herein by reference.~~

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